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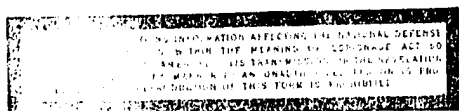
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HUI-YANG COOPERATIVES EFFECTIVE -- Nan-ch'iao Jih-pao, 21 Apr 50

Tung-chiang -- Overseas Chinese, from many parts of the South Seas, who have returned to Hui-yang since its liberation are playing a major role in the recovery of that hsien. More than 600 are living in Tan-shui, Heng-kang, and Lang-kang.

In January, one group pooled funds worth about 1,600 piculs of grain to form an overseas Chinese transportation cooperative. This cooperative used five motor vehicles to make runs between city markets and rural areas, reviving local commerce and, at the same time, solving the unemployment problem for some 50 individuals.

In March, another group united to form an overseas Chinese consumer cooperative, and in Tan-shui plans are currently being made by overseas Chinese groups to participate in the agricultural program carried on under the direction of the Central People's government.

CANTON OFFICE PROTECTS PROPERTY -- Nan-ch'iao Jih-pao, 3 Apr 50

Canton, 29 February -- In an effort to protect legitimate overseas Chinese holdings on the mainland, the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office in Kwangtung Province has enlisted the cooperation of the Canton Military Control Commission and the Municipal People's government in an investigation of overseas Chinese property taken over for use by the government and the military before and after the liberation. After verification has been made of the registration and deed, the property will be restored to its rightful owners. This committee has pledged itself to help resolve any confusion or disorder that has arisen in the affairs of overseas Chinese concerning their property on the mainland.

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AMOY OFFICE REPORTS PROGRESS -- Nan-ch'iao Jih-pao, 31 Mar 50

Amoy, 16 March -- Since its establishment after this city's liberation, the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of Amoy has spared no efforts to safeguard the interests of overseas Chinese and inaugurate policies to ameliorate their difficulties. A brief outline of the accomplishments of this office during the past 4 months will substantiate this assertion.

1. Relief for Distressed Overseas Chinese

As the liberation progressed, refugees poured into Amoy from overseas and especially from Malaya. They included students, teachers, and laborers who were homeless, jobless, and hungry. The Overseas Chinese Affairs Office supplied quarters for many of these unfortunates, gave them food, and helped them find employment.

2. Improved Procedure for Immigration and Emigration

The mode of handling overseas Chinese entrance and exit visas under the KMT office was a long story of procrastination, red tape, and extortion. Under the Central People's government, an exit permit can be issued within 10 minutes if application papers are in order. In cases where immediate departure is urgent and permits are on the verge of expiring, this office does its best to obtain traveling space for the parties involved. For those in extreme economic plight, the office arranges for the transportation company to provide them with tickets at half price.

3. Organization of Overseas Chinese Societies

Under the KMT regime, overseas Chinese organizations in Amoy were confined to those which fell into the strict category of relief organizations. The new Overseas Chinese Affairs Office has permitted overseas Chinese to organize into many groups for the mutual interests of members and for society as a whole. The Central People's government was quick to realize that by permitting groups to organize and solve their individual problems, the government's own difficulties would decrease in the process.

By following such liberal and tolerant policies during the past 4 months, the Amoy Overseas Chinese Office has won for itself both confidence and support. Every day Chinese in distress come in person or write to the office for assistance and guidance.

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